

**Springerville Town Council
Minutes
December 3, 2003**

Present: Mayor Kay Dyson, Vice-Mayor Mary Nedrow, Ramon Castillo, and Scott Cray

Absent: Ramon Castillo

Staff: Kurt Hassler Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk, and Marnie Uhl Chamber Director

Public: Larisa Bogardus, Dave and Amy Pulsifer, Jeff Barbe, Savanna Cray, Tracey Powers,

1. Call to Order

Mayor Dyson called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by vice-Mayor Nedrow and Invocation by Councilman Cray.

3. Public participation

Vice-Mayor Nedrow asked if the town was going to decorate town hall. Mr. Hassler advised her that they would be put up on Friday.

Mr. Hassler was asked who repaired the street lights that are out. He advised the council that CB Ray replaces the burned out lights. People call in to town hall and we call CB Ray to give the locations.

4. Manager, Council and Chamber Reports

Mr. Hassler reported that the town was able to purchase five vehicles at the Forest Service auction for \$24,400, a savings of about 13 or 14 thousand dollars under blue book value. One vehicle went to animal control and four went to the public works department. The old vehicles that are left unused by the town will be set aside for an auction in the spring.

Mr. Hassler reported that the town newsletter is completed and available at several locations around town as well as in town hall.

Council reports

Councilman Cray reported that there will be a Blue Hills meeting on Monday at 1:00 pm in Springerville at Booga Reds restaurant.

Mayor Dyson reported she attended the SHPO meeting for seven hours last Thursday the 22nd. They heard recommendations for rehabbing not restoring the school building. She thanked Larisa for the nice article in the newspaper. Yesterday, she gave a roofer a tour of the building. The roofer had done the roofing on some of the historic preservation projects in Snowflake.

She and Mayor Burk will be meeting with Bechtel next week.

Chamber report

Marnie Uhl reported that the annual Christmas parade is this Saturday at 6:00pm and the annual Chamber luncheon is at 12:00 noon on Tuesday. The Chamber will be doing a retail promotion "Shop Round Valley" to promoting shop at home and support the local businesses. The Home Tours is this weekend and will be touring three homes and four businesses with tickets on sale at the chamber office.

Ms. Uhl thanked Farrell Gas and Zack Mayberry for donating a new gas heater to the chamber. Larisa Bogardus also recognized Dave Pulsifer who is very active with the chamber board.

5. Minutes

Consider approval of the minutes from the town council meeting held on November 19, 2003.

Motion by Mary Nedrow/Mark Baca to approve the minutes of November 19, 2003.

Vote: Ayes: Kay Dyson
 Mary Nedrow
 Mark Baca
 Scott Cray

6. **Water and Sewer Rate Pubic Hearing:**

Consider holding a public hearing to discuss rate increases for the water and sewer funds.

Motion by Mary Nedrow/Scott Cray to move into public hearing to discuss proposed water and sewer rates.

Mr. Hassler was asked to review the rate schedule for the public. He advised everyone that there were copies on file in town hall if anyone was interested in getting a copy of the proposed rates.

Proposed Water and Sewer rates

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1. Water Deposits		
Commercial	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Residential	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Returned checks	\$ 10.00	\$ 35.00
Non-payment turn on/off	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00
Requested turn on/off	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00
Requested turn on/off (after hours)	\$ 5.00	\$ 50.00
Emergency turn on/off (after hours)	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00
Tampering fee (plus expenses)	\$ N/A	\$ 100.00

Vice-Mayor Nedrow expressed concern over the proposed rate for emergency turn offs and turn-ons. She felt that it should not be more than ten dollars.

Councilman Baca agreed and stated that there is too big a jump in these fees in going from \$5.00 to \$25 and \$50. He agreed that we need an increase but not these especially if it is beyond a person's control.

Mayor Dyson suggested that they see Mr. Hassler regarding concerns on these charges.

2. Water Hook-up Rates		
¾" meter	\$ 450.00	\$ 500.00
1" meter	\$ 475.00	\$ 550.00
2" meter	\$ 700.00	\$ 800.00
3" meter	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
4" meter	\$ N/A	\$ 1,500.00
6" meter	\$ N/A	\$ 3,000.00
Crossing road	\$ N/A	\$ 200.00
3. Monthly Water Rate		
ADEQ Testing Fee	\$ N/A	\$ 0.75
Water Adjudication Fee	\$ N/A	\$ 1.25

Mr. Hassler explained that this fee was should have been implemented years ago and never was. This is to help defray the attorney costs for the water adjudication. This fee will be monitored closely and adjusted as needed. This will be an extra \$2.00 per month above the water rates.

In Town

First 2,000 gallons	\$ 9.50	\$ N/A
¾" meter (includes first 2,000 gal)	\$ N/A	\$ 9.50
1" meter (includes first 2,000 gal)	\$ N/A	\$ 10.50
1 ½" meter (includes first 2,000 gal)	\$ N/A	\$ 11.00

2" meter (includes first 2,000 gal)	\$	N/A	\$	12.50
3" meter (includes first 2,000 gal)	\$	N/A	\$	14.50
4" meter (includes first 2,000 gal)	\$	N/A	\$	16.50
6" meter (includes first 2,000 gal)	\$	N/A	\$	20.50
Each additional 1,000 gallons (2,001 – 10,000)	\$	1.25	\$	1.75
Each additional 1,000 gallons (10,001+)	\$	N/A	\$	2.25
Out of Town				
First 2,000 gallons	\$	12.50	\$	N/A
¾" meter	\$	N/A	\$	14.50
1" meter	\$	N/A	\$	15.50
1 ½" meter	\$	N/A	\$	16.00
2" meter	\$	N/A	\$	17.50
3" meter	\$	N/A	\$	19.50
4" meter	\$	N/A	\$	21.50
6" meter	\$	N/A	\$	25.50
Each additional 1,000 gallons (2,001 – 10,000)	\$	2.30	\$	3.50
Each additional 1,000 gallons (10,000+)	\$	N/A	\$	4.50
4. Bulk Water (per 1,000 gallons)	\$	5.00	\$	5.00
Set up fee	\$	10.00	\$	10.00
5. Sewer Deposits				
Commercial (if sewer only)	\$	N/A	\$	75.00
Residential (if sewer only)	\$	N/A	\$	50.00
Returned checks	\$	N/A	\$	35.00
Sewer reinstate (part time residents)	\$	25.00	\$	25.00
Non-payment turn on/off	\$	N/A	\$	100.00
Tampering fee (plus expenses)	\$	N/A	\$	100.00
6. Sewer Connection				
4" Tap	\$	450.00	\$	450.00
6" Tap	\$	475.00	\$	650.00
Crossing road	\$	N/A	\$	200.00

The above sewer connection fees include up to 50 feet on public right of way. Over 50 feet for 4-inch taps shall be \$450.00 plus expenses for a 4-inch line. Over 50 feet for 6-inch taps shall be \$650.00 plus expenses for a 6-inch line.

7. Sewer Rates				
Residence (per dwelling unit)	\$	13.50	\$	16.50
Mobile/Manufactured Home				
Park and Apartments (1 st space).....	\$	13.50	\$	16.50
Each additional space.....	\$	5.00	\$	16.50
RV Park (1 st space).....	\$	N/A	\$	16.50
Each additional space.....	\$	N/A	\$	10.00
Commercial base rate.....	\$	N/A	\$	13.50
Commercial (per 1,000 gallons)	\$	N/A	\$	2.50
ADEQ Testing Fee.....	\$	N/A	\$	0.75
<u>Without water meters</u>				
Hotel and Motels (1 st room)	\$	13.50	\$	16.50
Each additional room	\$	3.00	\$	5.00
Schools (1 st stool).....	\$	13.50	\$	16.50
Each additional stool	\$	5.00	\$	5.00

Laundry facilities (1 st machine)	\$ 13.50	\$ 16.50
Each additional machine.....	\$ 4.00	\$ 7.00
Restaurants	N/A	\$ 165.00
Barber Shops/Beauty Salons	N/A	\$ 33.00
Grocery Store	N/A	\$ 33.00
All other commercial.....	N/A	\$ 16.50

Shopping centers are charged by the suite according to the rates above.

Comments were then taken from the public. Ms. Pulsifer asked how the town would monitor guest houses using city sewer.

Mr. Hassler advised her that the town would depend on the public works personnel watching these types of things. Letters will be sent to those whom we think have more than one dwelling unit on their property.

Ms. Tracey Powers asked if the town would work with people who have emergencies and will have to pay for the plumbing inside the house as well as the fee that will be charged by the town for the emergency turn off and turn on which will be an encumbrance on their wallets.

Mr. Hassler said we would work with people if they are not able to pay at once but will turn them off if they are not making an effort to pay their bill. However they need to come in to make arrangements.

Mr. Hassler explained that these rates will go into effect on March 1st if approved and will be posted to the web site if that is the wish of the council.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Nedrow/Mark Baca to adjourn the public hearing.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson Mary Nedrow Mark Baca Scott Cray
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7. **Historic Preservation Heritage Fund Grant Acceptance:**

Consider authorizing the Town Manager to accept the grant awarded by Arizona State Parks.

Mr. Hassler explained that this is an \$80,000 grant that the council applied for primarily for foundation work however they have found that they will allow the town to use it for other things as long as it goes toward the renovation of the building. \$48,000 would come from State Parks and the \$32,000 would be the town match in the form of cash or in-kind services.

He was advised by the State Parks department that the town could refuse the grant after accepting it as long as none of it has been used. As for the litigation, they hope to have it resolved shortly after the first of the year.

The last question was concerning the easement on the property which is the town's responsibility to record should they accept the grant. This easement will not be recorded until after the first of the year. It will go away if the grant is turned down.

Motion by Scott Cray/Kay Dyson to authorize the Town Manager to sign a contract with Arizona State Parks for the grant awarded to the Town of Springerville to rehabilitate the old Springerville Elementary School building.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson Mark Baca Scott Cray
	Nays:	Mary Nedrow

8. Boring Machine Purchase:

Consider authorizing the Town Manager to purchase a pipe boring machine.

They obtained quotes as part of a prior agreement the town is responsible for bringing water and sewer lines to the property of Mike Moses on the east edge of town. It will be required to bore US 60 twice to complete this project; once for water and once for sewer to get the water and sewer to the south side of US Hwy 60.

The quote for contracted boring was about \$14 to \$15 thousand for the water and approximately \$20,000 for the sewer. The machine with all the attachments is \$14,245.71. Several municipalities contacted regarding this equipment were very pleased with the machine.

The Council expressed concern regarding usage of this machine after it is finished with this project. They did not want to expend this amount of money and let it sit idly.

Mr. Hassler advised them that it would not be used a lot but they have two or three projects lined out that they would like to do as time allows. They have not been able to find this machinery to rent but could rent it out to other municipalities. This machine would allow the town to bore underneath roads for taps.

The training involved for this machine is minimal.

Motion by Scott Cray/Mary Nedrow to authorize the Town Manager to purchase a boring machine from

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca
		Scott Cray

9. Liquor License:

Consider approving the request for an interim permit/person transfer liquor license for Main Street Bar and Grill.

Motion by Mary Nedrow/Mark Baca to authorize the Interim Permit/Person Transfer Liquor License for Charles Roy Deal for Main Street Bar and Grill located at 262 W. Main Street.

10. Adjournment:

Motion by Mary Nedrow/Mark Baca to adjourn the meeting.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca
		Scott Cray

The meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.

Kay Dyson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Valentina Cordova, Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Wednesday December 3, 2003. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 8th day of December 2003

Valentina Cordova, Town Clerk